

BRITISH PASS OLD BATTLE LINE OF 1917

ATTACK MADE THIS MORNING BY BRITISH ON 3,000 YARD FRONT, HAIG'S TROOPS ARE BEYOND LENS

(By The United Press)

PARIS.—The latest reports of the situation at Lens, recently repored, are taken to mean that the British are astride of and beyond the town which is filled with gas and German machine nests.

Berlin Admits Taking of Trenches

BERLIN.—Minor sections of the German trenches in Flanders have been taken by the British, the war office announces. The British attacks against Gouzeaucourt and Epechy have been repulsed, the statement added.

French Still Make Progress

PARIS.—Striking towards St. Quentin from the south the French have captured Cibercourt, which is just seven miles from the city.

The French are making progress in the direction of Hinacourt and Essigny Le Grand north of Cibercourt on their way to St. Quentin. The region of Nanteuil Lo Fossee near the west of Chemin Des Dames two counter attacks were repulsed.

At Aronne and Vosges the enemy surprise attacks were repulsed. The British below Epechy attacked at five fifteen this morning. The assault was made on a front of three thousand yards.

Epechy is on the Hindenburg line a short distance south of Gouzeaucourt where the British attacked yesterday winning important territory.

Congress Will Attempt To Give Country Relief

(By The United Press)

WASHINGTON.—Congress will attempt in this session to give the people relief of the high cost of living. The first step will be the introduction of a bill putting the country's meat supply in the hands of the government. This measure comes as a result of discussions made to the federal trade commission as to the huge profits the peddlers are making and the methods they are taking to make them.

DEMOCRATS MAKE GAINS IN MAINE

PORTLAND, ME.—The Democrats made deep inroads in the Republican vote in the election in Maine today, but early returns indicated that United States Senator Bert M. Fernald, Republican, and probably four Republican Congressmen, had been returned to office.

The reelection of Gov. Carl E. Milliken by a plurality of about 38,000 is indicated by the early returns.

240 ENGLISH AND FRENCH AND ONE AMERICAN TAKEN AT MOSCOW AND SEVENTY THROWN IN PRISON

(By The United Press)

WASHINGTON.—Two hundred and forty English and French and one American have been arrested at Moscow by the Bolsheviks. Seventy were thrown in prison.

Consul Poole has turned over American affairs to the Norwegian consul, reporting that on August 26th he sent his staff and American citizens to Stockholm for fear of reprisals against Americans and embarrassment for the plans of the Allied military commanders if the Americans remained.

Consul Poole is staying at Moscow in order to support his allied colleagues and also to observe developments.

Big Tobacco Sale Pulled Off Here Today

Over seven hundred thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the Greenville market today. Sale today surpassed that of last Friday and the prices still hold high. The farmers were delighted with the prices and all returned to their homes perfectly satisfied.

Tobacco town presented a busy scene today for autos, wagons, carts, etc., were packed for blocks away from the warehouse. Hundreds of visitors are here attending the sale. At the hour of going to press the auctioneers were still crying tobacco. This has been a great day in Greenville for tobacco.

Are Delighted With "Soldier Who Came Back"

Every loyal American at White's Theatre last night thoroughly enjoyed "The Soldier Who Came Back." The play was greeted by one of the largest audiences in sometime and this paper has yet to hear a single adverse criticism of this soul-stirring production. Those present expected something first class and they received full measure, pressed down and running over. It is needless to specialize on any single individual in the cast for all were par excellence. The play itself is a most excellent war propaganda with an absorbing plot, peopled with a cast of excellent ability. Patriotic sentiment runs all through the play and there is not a dull moment from start to finish. The cast was most excellently balanced, each fitting well into his or her role. There is no reason why this play should not meet with universal approbation from the public and so far as Greenville is concerned it has, and more too, for it is the consensus of opinion that no better show has been afforded the theatregoers than "The Soldier Who Came Back." Not only is the play worth other presentations, for it is an excellent propaganda and an intensely interesting drama. Those who missed seeing "The Soldier Who Came Back" are the losers. If the company could be induced to play a return date in Greenville, this paper feels confident that standing room would go at a premium. Such plays as "The Soldier Who Came Back" fits in just right these days and Mr. Elmer Walters, the author, who travels with the company, is to be congratulated upon the fact that he has "hit the nail square on the head." He has wrought out a production that is truly worth while. Greenville was delighted with the play and would be happy to learn that Manager White had billed it for a return date.

Will Surrender Prisoners Of War

(By The United Press)

TOKIO.—It is reported that a vanguard of Czecho Slovaks forces operating west of Olvannaya are establishing connection with the Semency contingent. Three hundred German imagarys have offered to surrender themselves as prisoners of war to the Czecho-Chinese troops.

J. A. Wingate, of the firm of R. Wingate & Son, left this afternoon for western markets to purchase two carloads of horses and mules.

Committee To Report Measure As Favorable

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON.—The House agricultural committee has agreed to report favorable the amendment making the country bone dry on July 1, 1919.

PRICE OF GASOLINE WILL BE LOWERED

WASHINGTON.—Fuel Administrator Garfield has announced that he expects soon to fix a price for gasoline for domestic consumers as well as the government and the allies at a figure lower than the present market price. He is awaiting further reports on the situation before taking definite action.

No intimation was made as to what the fixed price will be.

Dr. Garfield's announcement disclosed that for some time consideration had been given the problem of bringing the price of gasoline to a lower level. Several reports already have been made to Mark L. Requa, director of the oil division of the Fuel Administration, and it was intimated that upon completion of the investigation now being conducted immediate action would be taken.

The disclosure of Dr. Garfield's purpose came during an informal talk with newspaper correspondents in which the stocks of gasoline in the country and the stated shortage east of the Mississippi river which caused the administration to request that no passenger automobiles be operated on Sunday in that section were discussed. Dr. Garfield would not discuss reports that this request was based on information furnished the administration by the oil industry for the alleged purpose of maintaining the present price of gasoline in the face of a reported large supply in the country.

TOBACCO MARKET WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK

The Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade and the warehousemen, this morning, decided that on account of the large amount of tobacco coming to Greenville and in consequence the different storage warehouses being full, that there will be no sale at the respective warehouses on Thursday and Friday of this week. Due to this determination there will be no sale of tobacco on this market until next Monday. Farmers contemplating bringing their tobacco to Greenville should bear this announcement in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

Can Secure High School Benefits At No Expense

There are a great many people in Pitt county who do not know that they may secure high school opportunities for their children in the county without expense, except, possibly, for board. Any boy or girl in Pitt county may attend the state high schools at Bethel, Farmville, or Grifton, or the city high school at Greenville, without any tuition charge. If they live near enough to any of these schools to board at home, there will be absolutely no extra expense, except for books. This applies only to the high school grades, of course.

These are all standard four year high schools, and are well prepared to serve the boys and girls of Pitt county. They crave the opportunity to serve, and the undersigned is anxious that the people generally may know of this fact.

This is a time when the high schools should be largely attended. A boy or girl of high school age can serve our country better right now by preparing for future usefulness than in any other way. The high school opens the way for this preparation, and we have tried to throw the doors wide open. Respectfully,

S. B. UNDERWOOD,
County Supt. of Schools.

Public Schools Of Greenville Opened Today

The Greenville public schools had a most propitious opening this morning. At the high school there were 125 students enrolled and at the graded school 550 students.

The first daily assembly of the school will take place tomorrow morning at the high school building from 10:30 to 11 o'clock at which time Supt. Swanson will make a short address on the general work as mapped out for the ensuing year. Special music has been provided for the occasion. The public has a cordial invitation to be present on this occasion.

Supt. Swanson informs this paper that it is his purpose to make these daily assembly periods both interesting and instructive and that the public will be welcome daily. They are to be held daily from 10:30 to 11 o'clock. Everything points to a great year for the Greenville public schools. The colored schools also had a most encouraging opening with an increased attendance over that of last year.

CASUALTY LIST

Morning List

Killed in action, 75.
Missing in action, 113.
Wounded severely, 246.
Died of wounds, 21.
Died from aeroplane accident, 2.
Wounded, degree undetermined, 35.
Died of disease, 3.
Prisoner, 1.
Total, 496.

Afternoon List

Killed in action, 74.
Missing in action, 107.
Wounded severely, 225.
Died of disease, 5.
Died of wounds, 25.
Died of accident, 6.
Total, 442.
Missing in action: Clannie W. Smith, Etowah, N. C.; Michael Regan, Asheville, N. C.
Wounded severely: Carl A. Jackson, Salisbury, N. C.; James M. Pike, Alexander, N. C.; Vann W. Flynn, Asheville, N. C.

NIGHT BRINGS LONDON ITS WAR ATMOSPHERE

(By United Press.)

London, Aug. 23, (By Mail).—The real war in London is at night.

London of daylight hours is a trifle disappointing to the newly-arrived Americans, eager for "war sensations." He finds no shell holes, no air raid scars, as he had expected, nothing in the physical makeup of the city to indicate it is in the war zone.

On the streets are many men in uniform, but a much greater number of civilians than anticipated. People are calm. They go about their business quietly. There is little talk of war. People don't seem to like to talk about it.

It remains for the night to draw back the curtain.

The first unmistakable "war feel" comes when darkness begins to fill the crooked streets and the Oxford-gray tones of the buildings sink to a sombre brown-black. There is no defense against that darkness, which permeates the city slowly, like a thickening fog, absorbing one outline after another. There is something inevitable about it.

On both sides of the street the houses present solid walls of black. Not a pencil of light escapes from the light-tight window-shutters. Failure to close the shutters at nightfall is an offense punishable by a heavy fine.

Here and there down the street is a subdued street lantern—under a hood which makes it invisible from above—looking more like a Japanese lantern at a garden party than a street light. An occasional red light marks a subway entrance—an air raid refuge.

Now and then a pedestrian emerges from the darkness, is dimly visible an instant as he crosses the faint glow near the street light and then disappears into the obscurity from which he came.

After 10:30 p. m. the streets are practically empty.

C. Washington left this morning for northern cities. He expects to return to the city the latter part of the week.

Miss Charlotte Hodges, of Kinston, is visiting Miss Edith Lee.

BRITISH HAVE TAKEN SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS AND 750 GUNS DURING FOUR WEEKS

(By United Press)

LONDON.—Field Marshal Haig wires the British war office as follows:

"The British advanced south of Havringourt during the night. They have already passed beyond the old battle line of 1917 and have made a strong breach at the very strongest defenses.

"All ranks bore themselves worthily and in an honorable manner. The British have captured 75,000 prisoners and 750 guns in the past four weeks."

An effort to halt the Americans, who with the French are flanking Chemin Des Dames from the westward, the Germans are throwing fresh troops between Ailette and Aisne rivers from dispatches reported today.

A Celle Sur Aisne the enemy has furiously counter attacked.

Bolsheviki Have Laid Down Arms

(By United Press.)

VLADIVOSTOK.—Direct communication with Olvannaya has been established by the Czecho-Slovaks troops in Siberia. The Bolsheviks at Troitzkazavek have surrendered.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SPENDS 20 MILLIONS IN ITALY

WASHINGTON.—Twenty million dollars will have been appropriated by the American Red Cross for relief work in Italy by the end of the present year, says a report made public today by the Red Cross. Up to last July the Red Cross had appropriated \$7,939,653 for relief work in Italy since the beginning of the war and for the last six months of this year it set aside \$12,657,837. The battle of the Piave, the report says, made it necessary to increase the original estimate for work in Italy by \$1,000,000.

One of the largest items of expense in the last half of the year is \$3,300,000 to feed refugees and families of soldiers at the front, this work having first place in Red Cross activities. Of

9 German Spies Arrested In Aug.

(By United Press.)

ZURICH.—The authorities have arrested nine German spies during August whose work included the finding of the location of the American troops in France.

Gasoline Price Fixed By Gov't

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON.—The price of gasoline will be fixed by the government at less than twenty-six cents, according to the fuel administration.

The total fund \$1,100,000 will be used by the medical unit soon to sail for Italy to help stamp out tuberculosis in that country. To care for a colony of refugees at Pisa, \$1,155,000 has been set aside while the appropriation for hospital services at the front for the last six months of this year is \$1,241,212. For the ambulance service \$495,000 has been appropriated.

REFUGEES STATE GERMANS FEAR AMERICAN NEGRO TROOPS, THEY CUT THE PRISONER'S EARS OFF

(By The United Press)

PARIS.—The British today hold their old trenches facing the Hindenburg line at Couzeau Court as the result of a brief but brisk engagement.

According to captured orders the Germans proposed to remain here for several days while the retirement to permanent lines had been accomplished southward but they were quickly crowded out. This is the forecast of the enemy early retirement behind the main line here. The Germans are not relinquishing ground without a struggle.

Immediately after the British took Gouzeau court German counter attacks pushed Field Marshal Haig's men behind the village but the renewed assault gained all the objectives and fifty prisoners, while on the left New Zealanders took 70 prisoners. In Woevre the German artillery fire increased to the intensity of drum fire. This is the only activity on this front except patrolling encounters in Alsace-Lorraine.

All the German raiders were driven back by American negro troops from the important sector of Vosces, they swearing to have revenge for the German barbarities.

Refugees state that the Germans fear the American negro troops because they tell the officers that the negroes always cut the prisoners ears off.